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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BOEING SALES PROSPECTS IN INDIA

REF: STATE 154763

1. REPORT THAT TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER KARAN SINGH SAID INDIAN AIRLINES HAS RECOMMENDED PURCHASE OF TU-154'S IS ERRONEOUS. ACTUAL KARAN SINGH STATEMENT WAS WRITTEN REPLY TO QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT AUG 3 "WHETHER THE INDIAN AVIATION TEAM WHICH VISITED THE SOVIET UNION TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF TU-154 CIVIL AIRCRAFT FOR INDIAN AIRLINES HAS COMPLETED ITS REPORT; IS SO, THE SALIENT FEATURES THEREOF AND THE DECISION TAKEN THEREON; AND THE SALIENT FEATURES OF OTHER PROPOSALS UNDER THE CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT."

FULL KARAN SINGH REPLY FOLLOWS: "THE TECHNICAL TEAM OF EXPERTS FROM INDIAN AIRLINES WHICH VISITED THE USSR SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO THE CORPORATION. THE CORPORATION HAS NOW MADE ITS PROPOSALS FOR THE THE PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT TO GOVERNMENT, WHICH ARE UNDER EXAMINATION."

2. KARAN SINGH REPLY THUS AVOIDS COMMENT ON REPORT OF TEAM WHICH WENT TO MOSCOW, AND AVOIDS COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF  
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INDIAN AIRLINES RECOMMENDATION TO GOI. REPLY IS CONSISTENT

WITH EARLIER INDIAN AIRLINES AND GOI REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE  
SUBSTANCE OF AIRLINE'S RECOMMENDATION. ON BASIS AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION, EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE INDIAN AIRLINES  
RECOMMENDATION IS FOR PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL BOEING 737'S.  
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